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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING**

October 6, 2015
Municipal Center, Conference Room A
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM. Attendees: Craig Dauphinais, Jennifer Thomas, Bruce Spinney, Brook Padgett, Tim McInerney, Laura St. John-Dupuis, Absent: Dennis Flynn and Doug Willardson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Dauphinais announced the Assyrian Genocide Centennial Commemoration & Monument Dedication on Saturday, October 24th 1PM-4PM at 10 Overlook Drive, North Grafton, MA. All are welcome.

Chief Crepeau-Commending Probationary Officer, Mark F. Alves, provides CPR to a person in Uxbridge, MA.

Ms. Thomas read the memo from Chief Crepeau commending Officer Mark F Alves.

Public Hearing -Transfer of Liquor License- Grafton Inn (John Pardee to James Hunter) and Approve Inn Holder License- Grafton Inn (James Hunter)

Mr. Spinney read the public hearing notice. Mr. Padgett made a motion to open the public hearing. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. James J. Hudson Jr. of 866 Marston Road, Whitinsville, MA addressed the Board stating the hours and menu will remain the same. There may be slow gradual changes.

Mr. Padgett asks for a little bit of Mr. Hunter's background. Mr. Hunter stated that he has 30 years of restaurant experience working with Abdow's Big Boy, Ground Round, Anthony's Pier Four, The Chart House in Florida and Nantucket Seafood's/Firehouse Café.

Mr. McInerney stated that all of Mr. Hunter's liquor license paperwork is in order for submittal.

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Mr. McInerney asked Mr. Hunter if he has had a previous Liquor License. Mr. Hunter stated no.

Mr. Padgett made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Spinney made a motion to grant the transfer of the liquor license of the Grafton of the Inn and Inn Holder License to James J. Hunter Jr. Ms. Thomas seconded, all were in order.

Mr. Hanna asked Mr. Hunter if there will be any renovations. Mr. Hunter stated would like to change the bar a little bit.

Mr. Dauphinais stated to Mr. Hunter that the Town has a strict policy on serving minors. The Police Department does perform Sting Operations and that this was his one warning, further stating, that if Mr. Hunter gets caught serving to minors his license to serve will most likely be suspended.

The transfer will take place on October 26th pending ABCC's approval, if not November 2, 2015.

Vote to Approve Common Victualler License – Beijing Tokyo (Formerly Peking Garden)

Mr. Padgett made a motion to approve the common Victualler license. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Public Hearing – Road Acceptance: Brigham Hill Estates Subdivision: White Flower Lane, Bay Colony Circle, Patriot Way and Emergency Access Road

Mr. Spinney read the public hearing notice. Mr. Padgett made a motion to open public hearing. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Scott Miceli from Toll Brothers addressed the Board stated that Toll Brothers worked closely with Joe Laydon to push this along.

Mr. Spinney made a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Thomas seconded, all were in favor.

Ms. Spinney made a motion accept the road layout and make public the Brigham Hill Estates Subdivision: White Flower Lane, Bay Colony Circle, Patriot Way and Emergency Access Road. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Public Hearing – Road Acceptance: Oakmont Farms Subdivision: Pratt Street Chipper Drive, Eagle Rock Terrace, Seaver Farm Lane and Blackstone Lane

Mr. Spinney read the public hearing notice. Ms. Thomas made a motion to public hearing. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Dauphinais asked if there were any comments about road this road acceptance. There were none.

Mr. Spinney mad a motion to close the public hearing. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Spinney made a motion to approve the layout and make public the Oakmont Farms Subdivision: Pratt Street Chipper Drive, Eagle Rock Terrace, Seaver Farm Lane and Blackstone Lane. Ms. Thomas seconded, all were in favor.

Board of Selectmen Appointments

Affordable Housing Trust – Mary E. Campbell Mr. Spinney made a motion to appoint Mary E. Campbell to the Affordable Housing Trust. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Grafton Cultural Council- Erica Krenis-Peck Mr. Spinney made a motion to appoint Erica Krenis-Peck to the Grafton Cultural Council. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Town Administrator Appointments

Alexander Sendzik – Administrative Assistant – Assessors Office

Mr. Spinney made a motion to affirm the appointment of Alexander Sendzik as Administrative Assistant for the Assessor's office. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Kerri Arsenault – Office Manager – Recreation

Mr. Padgett made a motion to affirm the appointment of Kerri Arsenault as office manager to the recreation department. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Paul Sharon Jr – EDC

Mr. Spinney made a motion to accept the resignation of Paul Sharon Jr. from the EDC. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Robert R. Nault – Mill Villages Advisory Committee

Mr. Spinney made a motion to accept the resignation of Robert R. Nault from the Mill Villages Advisory Committee. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

RESIGNATIONS

Paul Sharon Jr – EDC

Mr. Spinney made a motion to accept the resignation of Paul Sharon Jr. from the EDC. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Robert R. Nault – Mill Villages Advisory Committee

Mr. Spinney made a motion to accept the resignation of Robert R. Nault from the Mill Villages Advisory Committee. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Vote to Adjust the Composition and Charge of the “What If” Committee

Ms. Thomas addressed the Board stating that she had asked for this topic to be an agenda item and stated that the members of the “What If” committee are looking for an end date and more direction as to what are we expect to get out of this committee.

Mr. McInerney stated that in terms of make-up and getting a quorum, only 4 out of the 7 is needed. The others were ad-hoc to catch all questions we would not know. Ms. Thomas stated that the chair and vice chair are not voting members. Mr. McInerney stated that the “What If” committee would be making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Padgett stated that the committee should be preparing a draft plan of action for consideration.

Skip Currier, Chairman of the “What If” committee addressed the Board and stated that the committee is just advising and not telling the Board what to do and what not do and putting items on a list with no votes.

Mr. Spinney made a motion to remove the requirement of a the “What If” committee to be a voting committee, making the “What If” committee a non-voting body. Mr. Padgett seconded. All were in favor.

Vote to Support the Touchstone Community School 5k Run on Saturday, November 14th. (10 AM Kids Race, Adult Race 10:45 AM) Proceeds will go to the Worcester County Food Bank in Shrewsbury.

Mr. Spinney made a motion to support the Touchstone Community School 5K run on Saturday November 14, 2015. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

Selectmen Report

Mr. Dauphinais stated that he attended a Worcester County Highway Superintendents meeting in Leominster and stated there was a speaker talking about dams with an average age of 100 plus years. Mr. Dauphinais indicated that the speaker had some good recommendations about cleaning them out. Mr. Dauphinais stated that maybe we

should budget for maintenance and inspection of dams in Grafton. Mr. McNerney stated that Dave Crouse visits them and exercises the gates.

Town Administrator Report


Mr. McNerney provided his report

- Grafton received a recycling grant for \$4,050 which will be used to market and promote the sale of second recycling bins to residents. His thoughts were to add a permanent sticker on recycling bins reminding residents that second bins are available. It will serve as a reminder every time someone recycles.
- Grafton Police Department Receives COPS Grant Award
- Route 30 Signal Meeting- Last Friday Mr. McNerney sent the Board a draft report. Today, met with the engineers. Seems to be an easy inexpensive fix. Beta did apologize for the delay and how long this took. We need to fix the loop detectors at Bridge Street and the GPS clocks that are on Route 30/Bridge Street. These need to be synchronized with the 122 Worcester St. light. They were waiting on is that coordination with the State. If we don't hear by October 13th. Mr. McNerney will call the state delegation to help move the state along. The estimated cost \$6000. Brian Szczurko was contacting Traffic Safety Signals to coordinate the work.
- 311-313 Providence Road, is for sale. The price is \$285,000 and because of its location and historic value we want to help this property be redeveloped to its useful purpose
- October 8th Mr. McNerney and Mr. Dauphinais will be meeting with Tufts University regarding their contribution agreement.
- Childcare will be provided at Town Meeting
- The workshop on the October 13th will include the Council on Aging and hopefully the EDC
- We have invited Algonquin Gas to the October 20th Board of Selectmen meeting.

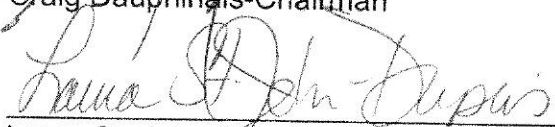
ADJOURN

9:06 Mr. Spinney made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Thomas seconded. All were in favor.

For more information, this and other meetings can be viewed on Grafton Community Television. www.graftontv.org


Craig Dauphinais-Chairman

October 20, 2015
Date


Laura St. John-Dupuis – Recording Secretary